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if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time...

Next Guest Speaker Tuesday March 14



Rick Williams

“Carma Industries”

Meeting Highlights

Opening:

President Bob Doran called the meeting to order and asked the members to stand for the singing of O Canada. He surveyed the members about their attendance at Swiss Chalet for lunch. Bob then called upon Ken Pizer to introduce the guest speakers, Laurie Scott and Sergeant Ron Kapuscinski.

Guest Speakers: Laurie Scott and Ron Kapuscinski

Laurie Scott serves as the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. She is a passionate advocate on the issue of human sex trafficking in Ontario and in Sept. 2016, re-introduced the “Saving the Girl Next Door



Act” which was passed unanimously on second reading in the Legislature. Ron Kapuscinski is a Sergeant with the Durham Regional Police force and leads the Human Trafficking Unit. His team is focused on identifying and supporting victims exploited in the sex trade. He created and coordinated the National Human Trafficking enforcement initiative dubbed operation Northern Spotlight, bringing together Policing Agencies from across the country.

Their presentation was called “Saving the Girl Next Door”. Ron emphasized that most hotels and motels in Ontario are sites of human trafficking for sex. Most victims are females, 14 – 19 years of age, have low self-esteem, lack family support, have a history of sexual abuse and come from a range of socio-economic backgrounds. Most girls are recruited in local schools, including schools in Lindsay, and are recruited through befriending and seduction by an older male. The victims are deliberately isolated from family and friends, are beaten and malnourished and are moved constantly across Ontario. Human trafficking is an extremely lucrative business for the traffickers and less risky than selling drugs. According to Laurie, the existing legislation is very weak. The proposed legislation will offer more protection for the victims and communities, reduce demand and criminalize the activities of the seller and purchaser.



Dave Robertson thanked Laurie Scott and Ron Kapuscinski for their presentation.

Any corrections, comments or additions regarding this newsletter can be forwarded to the attention of the editor at:

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Announcements:

Following a short break, Don Holbrook's guest, Don Brown, was introduced. President Bob Doran asked for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Gordon Lindsay. Bruce Faulkner reported that Ron Morgan has a blood clot in his leg and is recovering with therapy. He also reported that Ron Wysynski was having cataract surgery the next day and Milt Battersby was having knee replacement surgery. Dennis Eaton announced that John Saunders, a new member, is also not well and is having gall bladder surgery in Toronto in late February.

President Bob Doran announced that the member cost for the next Christmas luncheon will be lowered and that the luncheon will be scheduled for Tuesday December 5 at the Lindsay Golf Course. The earlier date is due to another booking at the facility.

Bob will present the new membership application form at the next meeting. He also announced that March is National Probus Month. The next speaker will be Rick Williams.

Closing:

Bob told a wonderful joke about how a drunken ice fisherman keeps hearing a voice from above telling him to move on because there are no fish down there. The fisherman keeps moving on and drilling new holes. The voice was from the rink manager.